**THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE J.CHELAMESWAR**

**And**

**THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE RAMESH RANGANATHAN**

**WRIT PETITION No: 8467 of 2005**

Between:

Laxmi Narasimha Reddy

… PETITIONER.

AND

The Superintendent of Police, Mahaboobnagar,

Mahaboobnagar District & 3 others.

… RESPONDENTS.

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**ORDER: (PER THE HONOURABLE JC,J)**

The unsuccessful applicant in O.A.No.4744 of 2004 is the petitioner herein. The substance of the petitioner's case is that he was appointed as Constable on 19.12.1983, but in the service records his date of appointment was wrongly entered as 19.12.1984. A fact, which requires further investigation, is if at all an appropriate occasion arises for it. However, in the year 1996, it appears that the petitioner along with some other constables was called upon to appear for selection process of written examination and physical fitness for being considered for promotion as Head Constables. Admittedly, the petitioner underwent such process. However, he was not appointed as Head Constable. The results were published on 07.01.1992. The petitioner slept over the matter for about twelve years and approached the Administrative Tribunal in the year 2004.

In the O.A., the respondents took a stand irrespective of the fact that whether the petitioner had the qualifying service of five years or not for being considered for promotion. The petitioner's performance in the selection process for promotion was not up to the requisite standard, therefore, his case was not considered for promotion.

The Tribunal dismissed the O.A. after recording various assertions of the parties on the ground that the O.A. is barred by laches. We do not see any reason to interfere with the order of the Tribunal as it rightly dismissed the matter being barred by the laches.

Accordingly, the writ petition is dismissed at the admission stage. No costs.

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***J.CHELAMESWAR, J***

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***RAMESH RANGANATHAN, J***

Date: 12.12.2005

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